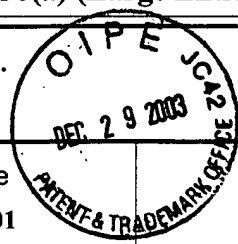


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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

Docket No.
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In Re Application Of: Thomas W. Dyer, et al.



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This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of December 4, 2003 in the above-identified application.
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☒ One month ☐ Two months ☐ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

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FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$110.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$110.00

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- ☐ A check in the amount of **\$110.00** for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
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- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **09/0458/IBM**
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- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of August 26, 2003, please amend this patent application as follows, which is believed to prima facie place this case in condition for allowance for reasons given in the REMARKS:


Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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